

- 3.1 Linear Algebra Review
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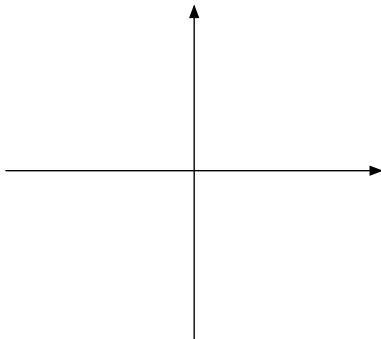
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- 5 Find one solution  $\vec{x}_1(t)$ .
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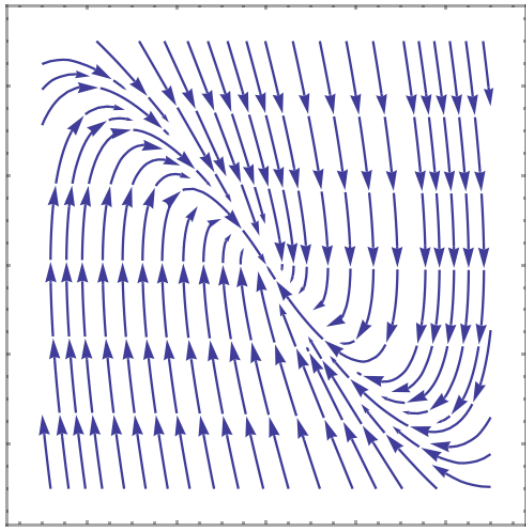
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$$\vec{x}(t) = A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t} + B \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} t \right) e^{-2t}$$

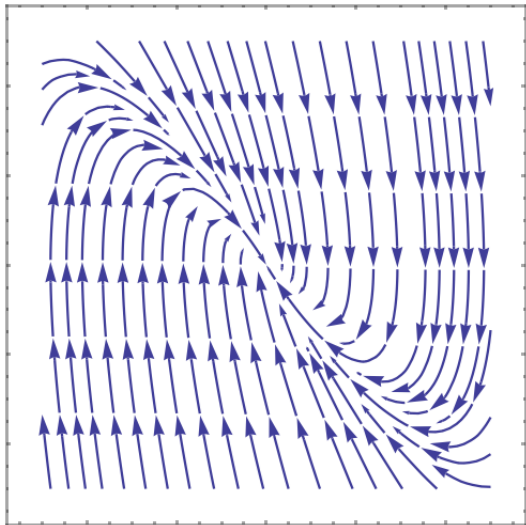
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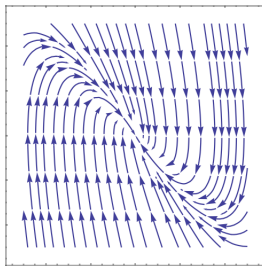
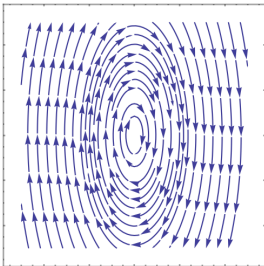
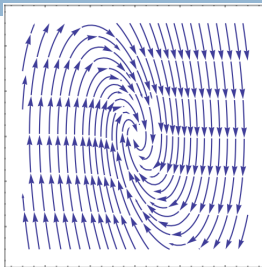
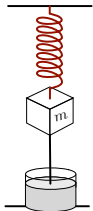
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Improper Node

Asymptotically  
Stable

# Spring-Mass-Dashpot





# Preparation for next lecture

## Section 3.4

- How to solve a system of linear ODEs with repeated eigenvalues <https://youtu.be/hCShTLmeZN4>
- How to sketch a phase portrait for such systems. <https://youtu.be/dpbRUQ-5YWc>